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David,

I have a couple of updates I want to loop both KC and STL USACE teams.

1. EPA's media statement regarding the bill introduced in Congress today is provided below.
2. Unrelated to the timing of the bill, EPA R7 will be holding a news conference in St. Louis on Tuesday regarding completing work on identifying the extent of RIM between the West Lake Landfill and the North Quarry of the Bridgeton Landfill. The USACE is welcomed to be at the news conference. We currently expect the MO Attorney General to speak.

Location: Robert A. Young, Federal Building 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, MO  
Time: Tuesday Nov. 24, 1:00 p.m.

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Desk Statement

EPA Region 7 is making significant progress at the West Lake Landfill on decisions required to ensure continued protection of the public. We will continue to carry out our responsibilities to make a decision on a remedy for the West Lake site.

EPA Region 7 leadership stated in a recent news conference and several public meetings that we will announce a decision on a barrier system, in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this December. EPA is working closely with the USACE to conclude the engineering analysis required for this decision.

EPA will also announce a final proposed remedy for the Operable Unit 1 soils at the site by the end of 2016 that will be open for public comment.

EPA continues to work closely with federal, state and local government agencies.  
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Best,  
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